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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND

FOR THE YEAR

1908.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF ABERDEEN, K.T., G.C.M.G.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, beg to submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1908:—

The constitution of the Commission remains the same as it was at the close of 1907, as set forth in our last Report, dated April 29, 1908. The names of the Commissioners are given *infra*, Appendix A, No. I., p. 10.

Constitution of Commission.

We held five meetings during the year—Ordinary Quarterly Meetings on January 23, April 29, July 8, and October 15, and a Special Meeting on October 29. The Special Meeting was summoned for the execution of formal documents, involving the use of the Common Seal, which can take place only at Board Meetings. At the meeting of January 23 we elected Anthony Traill, Esquire, LL.D., M.D., Provost T.C.D., to be our Chairman, and Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., to be our Vice-Chairman, for the year. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. IV., p. 11.

Meetings and Attendances.

The Standing Committee held nineteen meetings during the year. No meeting failed for want of a quorum. In Appendix A, No. V., p. 11, is given a Table of attendances of the Standing Committee. The names of those Commissioners who constitute the Standing Committee are given—Appendix A, No. II., p. 10.

Standing Committee.

No change has taken place in our Staff during the year. Their names are given in Appendix A, No. III., p. 10.

Office Staff.

Accounts.—In Appendix B. *infra*, pp. 12-20, we give Summaries of our Audited Accounts, together with the Certificate of the Local Government Board Auditor.

Accounts.

The following is a Summary of the Income Side of our Account:—

Receipts.

ACCOUNT.	INCOME—1908.				NET CREDIT BALANCE, January 1, 1908.	GROSS TOTAL.
	RENTS.	DIVIDENDS.	MISCELLANEOUS.	TOTAL INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	2,940 17 9	2,168 15 11	133 11 3	5,232 4 11	840 17 8½	6,063 2 7½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	116 9 3	9 18 10	126 8 1	20 8 1	185 16 2
Other Endowments.	391 13 2	1,304 12 2½	45 0 7.	1,642 12 2½	584 6 0	2,226 18 2½
Total.	3,341 16 11	3,685 17 7½	188 10 8	7,021 5 2½	1,444 11 9½	8,505 17 0

Expenditure.

Subjoined we give, in Summary, a Table of Expenditure:—

Account.	EXPENDITURE—1909.				Net Credit Balances, December 31, 1909.	Gross Total.
	Rents, Rates, and other outgoings.	Payment of Reduced Master's Salaries.	Distribution for Educational Purposes.	Total Expenditure.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	647 11 10	777 13 4	3,166 0 0	4,591 5 2	1,991 17 6½	6,093 2 7¼
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	—	122 17 2	122 17 2	62 19 0	185 16 2
Other Endowments.	189 7 4	97 10 0	1,175 1 2	1,461 18 6	764 19 8½	2,296 18 2¼
Total.	836 19 2	875 3 4	4,463 18 4	6,175 0 10	2,819 16 2	8,506 17 0

Comparison.

Compared with the year 1907, our gross income from all sources shows an increase of £364, and our total expenditure a decrease of £636.

Income.

The increase in our income is due to the payments of "Interest in lieu of Rent," having been received in respect of estates recently sold, the rents of which would not have been paid in the ordinary course until the opening months of 1909. Rents show the small reduction of £3, decreases on the Armagh and Carysfort estates being counterbalanced by improved collections on the Dungannon and Banagher estates.

Expenditure.

Our ordinary expenditure on estate outgoings, cost of management, etc., was about £70 less than that for the previous year, owing to the allowances to Cappaloughlin tenants having ceased in consequence of the sale of the estate. The sum applied to educational purposes was £4,463 18s. 4d., a reduction of about £280 on that for 1907, which sum was retained to meet expenditure in the early portion of 1909.

Salaries.

Our Income for the year exceeded our Expenditure by £845, and the sum total of our net credit balances on December 31, 1909, was accordingly greater by that amount than the sum total shown on the corresponding date of the previous year.

Capital.

No change has taken place during the year in the Securities held by the Board, and our Stock Account remains as it was at the date of our last Report.

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

General.

The Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments continue, on the whole, to be efficiently conducted. The School Returns dealing with the Rolls, the Educational Results, and the condition of the Buildings, are, speaking generally, of a satisfactory character. For full particulars on these points we would refer to the Reports of our Secretary who, as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, visited the various Schools last autumn. These Reports will be found in Appendix C, *infra*, pp. 21-26.

Numbers.

The total number on the School Rolls for the year 1907-08 was maintained at the high level reached in the previous year, viz., 772. And if we include an additional School recently selected by one of the Local Boards under Section 57 of the Scheme, but which failed to qualify, the total reaches 790. This Return compares very favourably with that of the year 1905-06, when 705 was the total. The largest increases are those of Raphoe Royal School, 10; St. Patrick's College, Cavan 9; and St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, 9; while the largest reductions are those of St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, 12; Royal School,

Enniskillen, 11; and St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, 7. The number of pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations in 1908 was 435, or 78 per cent. of the gross Intermediate Rolls. This is a reduction on the year 1907, when the percentage was 81, and this is the second year in succession in which such a reduced percentage has had to be recorded.

Tested by the Intermediate Examinations, the efficiency of the Schools continues satisfactory, the percentage of Passes being 71'4. This result is a marked improvement on that of 1907, when the percentage was 64'8, and it also compares favourably with the high standard of 1906, when 70'6 was the percentage. The general results for the country as a whole also show an improvement this year, but not to the same extent, the percentage of Passes being 61'1, as compared with 57'1 in 1907. It will thus be seen that the superior position of the Schools with which we are dealing is well maintained, the percentages for those Schools and the general percentages for the whole country being respectively 71'4 and 61'1.

Efficiency.

The state of the School Buildings generally is fairly satisfactory. A substantial proportion of the Endowments of each of the Protestant Local Boards is devoted to the maintenance of the fabrics of the old Royal Schools, while the School premises managed by the Roman Catholic Boards, being comparatively new, require little expenditure to keep them in order.

School Premises

An important addition is being made to St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, with regard to which the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector reports as follows:—"In St. Macarten's, the new wing alluded to in last report, is fast nearing completion, and when finished will go far to render St. Macarten's one of the best equipped Schools in the country. Two new laboratories—a physical and a chemical—are being provided, as well as a spacious dormitory, and extra up-to-date lavatory accommodation."

Of the twelve Schools selected by the Local Boards of Education, we are satisfied that eleven have fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Scheme to qualify them to share in the Endowments of their respective districts. We accepted as evidence of this qualification the Certificate of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, who visited each of the Schools in September and October, 1908. See Appendix C, pp. 21-23.

"Qualified Schools."

We print *infra*, pp. 23-42, the Annual Reports of the Local Boards of Education. The amount distributed among those Boards for the benefit of their respective School Districts was £3,166, allocated as follows:—Armagh, £527, Cavan, £242; Donegal, £209; Fermanagh, £897; and Tyrone, £1,291.

Local Board

We also paid to the Cavan Roman Catholic Board and to the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, the income of their respective Building Funds; and to the Fermanagh Protestant Board the rent received for Portora Point.

OTHER ENDOWMENTS.

Preston Endowment.—The gross income of this Endowment for the year, including dividends on the separate Capital Accounts of the Navan and Ahbyleix Schools, and small Miscellaneous Receipts, was £755 12s. 7d., which being compared with that of the previous year, shows the marked reduction of £254. It is to be remembered, however, that the Receipts for 1907 were unusually large owing to the fact that, in view of the sale of the Estate, the Agent made a very successful collection, and to the further fact that a substantial payment was received on account of a long outstanding debt. The amounts allocated to the several Schools having claims on the Endowment, after payment of the necessary outgoings, were as follows:—King's Hospital, Oxmantown, £141 5s. 3d.; Preston School, Navan, £272 10s. 4d.; and Preston School, Ahbyleix, £228 17s. 6d.

Preston School, Navan.—The Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, which we print *infra*, page 27, states that:—"The Schoolhouse and premises are in excellent repair. . . . Both the efficiency and discipline of the School are good." It appears, however, from the Returns furnished with the Report that the School Roll has been reduced from twenty-six to twenty-two, and the average attendance from twenty-three to eighteen.

Preston School, Abbeylisk.—We print *infra*, page 27, the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector on this School. The School Roll, we regret to observe, has suffered a decrease which it could but ill afford, twenty taking the place of twenty-three. The Intermediate Results show an improvement on those of the previous year, the percentage of Passes having increased from fifty to sixty-six.

Carysfort Endowment.—The number of Schools receiving grants from this Endowment still continues to be five, two being under Protestant and three under Roman Catholic management. The total sum available for educational purposes was £141, which we divided equally between the two religious denominations. The educational efficiency of these Schools, when it is remembered that the majority of them are situated in isolated country districts, may be pronounced fairly satisfactory. The National Board Inspector classifies three of the Schools as "Good," one as "Fair," and one as "Middling." In the case of one of the Schools, the unsuitable nature of the premises, previously referred to, still continues.

The Leamy Endowment, Limerick.—During the year we distributed between the Leamy Local Boards of Education the sum of £204 13s. 2d. The two Schools sharing in the Endowment continue to be conducted in a satisfactory manner, as shown by the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, which is given *infra*, p. 27. It is gratifying to note that the Roll of the Leamy High School has been substantially increased, and that a large sum has been spent on the premises of the Leamy National School in effecting much needed improvements and repairs.

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—Three Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely:—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, for twenty-nine pupils; the Educational Institution, Dundalk, for twenty-one pupils; and Christian Schools, Dundalk, for three pupils. We divided the sum of £53 between them, in proportion to these numbers.

Bank's Endowment, Eyrecourt.—The Trustees of this Endowment again failed to submit a plan for its application, and having consulted the Manager of Eyrecourt National School, in accordance with Sec. 6 of Scheme No. 126, we decided to continue the application of the funds to the same purpose to which they had been applied in the five preceding years, viz., to the teaching of such technical subjects as Shirt-making, Knitting, &c., in that School. The sum available was £15 12s. 11d. The Inspector for the Commissioners of National Education, who visited the School in May last, states:—"Shirt-making, Knitting and Underclothing have been successfully taught."

The Diocesan Schools and Banagher Royal School Endowments.—We paid the following sums as prizes to preparatory grade pupils in the various localities, on condition that the money should be applied towards the payment of the winners' school fees for the ensuing year:—£12 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Leighlin and Ossory, £28 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Meath and Ardagh, £28 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry, and £28 to pupils of Schools in King's County (Banagher Royal School District). Again, as was the case in the three previous years, we have been unable to award the whole of the Banagher Royal School Endowment owing to the lack of applicants. We offered £40 for competition, five prizes being set apart for boys and three for girls, but inasmuch as we had only one candidate for the three girls' prizes, two of the prizes, amounting to £12,

could not be allocated. It may further be remarked, with regard to the boys' prizes, that there was no competition, as there were only five qualified candidates for the five prizes.

We are at present considering the advisability of altering the method of distributing the Banagher Royal School Endowment with a view to rendering a larger number of candidates eligible for the prizes, and so to put an end to the lack of applicants above referred to.

Lattone School (Anne Hall Endowment).—The Lord Lieutenant's Inspector reports:—"There has been considerable progress made in the educational condition since my last visit." The Manager has not yet carried out the repairs in the old Girls' School already sanctioned. Owing to increased attendance, he is anxious to have the plans reconsidered so as to provide for enlargement as well as repairs.

Limerick Diocesan School Endowment.—There was no expenditure in respect of this endowment during the year, and on December 31 last, the accumulations of income were represented by £252 13s. 1d. cash, and £63 1s. 6d. Government Stock.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

In Appendix B, IV. and V., p. 20, we give Summaries of our Rentals for the year 1906-1907, together with our Agents' Accounts for the corresponding periods. At the date of the Agents' Returns the gross rental showed a falling off of £14 14s. 0d., the figures being £2,923 15s. 4d., as compared with £2,938 12s. 4d. in the previous year. For this reduction the Tyrone Estate alone is accountable; the rental proper showing a diminution of £2 12s. 6d. owing to Land Court Fixtures, and the Bog Rental a diminution of £12 1s. 6d. As the latter rental is essentially variable, the returns may be regarded as satisfactory.

Rentals and
Accounts.

Arrears.—The Returns as to arrears compare unfavourably with those of the previous year, the sum total having increased from £1,866 1s. 7d. to £1,953 0s. 7d. It is to be remembered, however, that owing to arrangements for sale, arrears, amounting to £68 10s. 8d., have since been cleared on the Armagh and Banagher estates.

Armagh Sale.—The tenants, with one exception, on our Armagh estate, have signed agreements for the purchase of their holdings under the Irish Land Act of 1903. The following are the terms:—

1. A reduction of 4s. in the £ to Second-Term Tenants, and of 6s. in the £ to First-Term Tenants.
2. Tenants to pay 3½ per cent. interest on purchase money until completion of sale.
3. Sporting Rights to be vested in the Tenants, and Mineral Rights to be vested in the Land Commission.

Banagher Sale.—The Tenants on our Banagher estate have also agreed to purchase their holdings under the Act of 1903, and on the following terms:—

1. A reduction of 6s. in the £.
2. Game rights to be vested in the tenants.
3. The bog to be divided among the tenants, as far as possible in proportion to the rent they pay.
4. Mines and minerals to be vested in the Land Commission.
5. Tenants to pay 3½ per cent. interest on Purchase-money until completion of sale.

All which we have the honour to submit to Your Excellency as our Report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting held this 21st day of April, 1909, and forwarded for submission to Your Excellency on the same date.

Present when the Seal was affixed—

P. J. BYRNE, *Chairman*.

ANTHONY TRAILL, *Vice-Chairman*.

JAMES H. STRONGE,
W. R. COONEY,
D. A. TAYLOR,
J. DENHAM OSBORNE,
J. W. R. CAMPBELL,
JAMES C. MCGINLEY,
THOMAS F. MOLONY,
* ROBERT BROWNE,
J. M. HAMILTON, D.D.

Commissioners.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, *Secretary*.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

No. I.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND, 1908

I. APPOINTED BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT:

1. Sir Charles B. Ball, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.
2. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne.
3. Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A.
4. Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea.
5. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, M.A., B.D.
6. Thomas F. Molony, Esq., M.A., LL.B., K.C.
7. William J. O'Reilly, Esq., B.L., B.M.
8. Rev. J. Denham Osborne, M.A.
9. W. J. M. Starkie, Esq., M.A., LL.D., Resident Commissioner of National Education.
10. H. Y. Tyrrell, Esq., LL.D., S.P.T.C.D.

II. ELECTED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION:

11. Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., D.L., Armagh Protestant Board.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., Armagh Roman Catholic Board.
13. Anthony Thell, Esq., LL.D., M.D., Provost, T.C.D., Cavan Protestant Board, Chairman.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Cavan Roman Catholic Board.
15. His Honor Judge Craig, M.A., K.C., Donegal Protestant Board.
16. Very Rev. James MacGinley, D.D., Donegal Roman Catholic Board.
17. W. R. Cooney, Esq., J.P., Fermanagh Protestant Board.
18. Right Rev. Monsignor Smullen, P.P., V.O., Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board.
19. Rev. D. A. Taylor, M.A., D.D., Tyrone Protestant Board.
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrnes, P.P., V.O., Tyrone Roman Catholic Board, Vice-Chairman.

No. II.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The Chairman. | } <i>ex-officio</i> . | 6. Rev. Dr. Hamilton. |
| 2. The Vice Chairman. | | 7. Very Rev. Dean MacGinley. |
| 3. Rev. Mr. Campbell. | | 8. Mr. O'Reilly. |
| 4. Judge Craig. | | 9. Rev. J. Denham Osborne. |
| 5. Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly. | | 10. Dr. Starkie. |

No. III.

STAFF.

Secretary:

Stanislaus Murphy, LL.B., Barrister at-Law.

Clerk:

Arthur C. Ellis, B.A.

Solicitor:

James Robinson, Esquire, 119, Stephen's-green, Dublin.

No. IV.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1908.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS.	DATES OF MEETINGS.					Total.
	January 23.	April 26.	July 8.	October 15.	October 29, Special.	
Trill, Dr., Chairman	1	1	1	—	—	3
Byrne, Monsignor, Vice-Chairman	1	1	1	1	—	4
Bell, Sir C. B., M.D.	1	—	—	1	—	2
Brown, Most Rev. Dr.	1	—	—	1	—	2
Campbell, Rev. Mr.	1	1	—	—	—	2
Conroy, W. R.	1	1	1	1	—	4
Coyne, Very Rev. Canon	1	—	1	1	—	3
Craig, Judge	1	1	1	—	—	3
Donnelly, Most Rev. Dr.	1	—	—	—	1	2
Hamilton, Rev. Dr.	1	—	1	1	—	3
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean	1	1	1	1	1	5
Molony, T. F.	—	—	1	1	—	2
O'Reilly, W. J.	1	1	—	—	1	3
Osborne, Rev. J. D.	1	—	1	1	1	4
Smollen, Monsignor	1	1	—	1	—	3
Starkie, Dr.	—	—	—	—	1	1
Stronge, Sir James	—	1	—	—	—	1
Taylor, Rev. Dr.	1	—	1	1	—	3
Tyrell, Dr.	1	—	—	—	—	1
Walsh, Most Rev. Dr.	1	—	—	—	—	1

No. V.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1908.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR—19.

MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.	DATES OF MEETINGS.																			Total.
	January 10.	January 30.	February 20.	March 2.	March 14.	April 2.	April 16.	April 26, Special.	May 14.	May 30.	June 11.	July 2.	August 12.	September 10.	October 8.	October 26.	November 12.	November 26.	December 17.	
Trill, Dr., Chairman	1				1	1							1							15
Byrne, Monsignor, Vice-Chairman.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Campbell, Rev. Mr.	1																			1
Craig, Judge	1																			1
Donnelly, Most Rev. Dr.	1																			1
Hamilton, Rev. Dr.	1																			1
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
O'Reilly, W. J.	1																			1
Osborne, Rev. J. D.	1																			1
Stickle, Dr.																				1

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX B.—

No. I.—SUMMARY OF

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Made up to</i>
TITLE OF ACCOUNT.	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Armagh Royal School Endowment—Capital,	145 1 0
„ Armagh Protestant Board,	115 10 0
„ Cavan Estate, Sale,	44 8 5
„ Cavan Protestant Board, Loan Account,	485 16 8
„ Donegal Estate, Sale,	11 5 4
„ Donegal Protestant Board,	26 1 2
„ Fermanagh Protestant Board—Income,	13 10 8
„ Fermanagh Protestant Board—Capital,	500 0 0
„ Dungannon Estate, Loan,	25 8 9
„ Fermanagh Estate, Sale,	107 10 11
„ Cappakaghlin Estate, Sale,	58 4 6
„ Ulster Bank,	1,610 10 6
„ Agents' Accounts,	820 12 1½
„ Banagher, Sale Account,	1 2 6
Total,	48,069 5 8½

IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

ACCOUNTS.

CASH ACCOUNTS.

December 31st, 1908.

Cr.

TITLE OF ACCOUNT	—
	£ s. d.
By Armagh Royal School Endowment—Income, . . .	850 19 8
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment—Capital, . . .	485 16 3
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment—Income, . . .	185 7 1½
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board, . . .	34 8 2
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Capital, . . .	0 11 6
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Income, . . .	119 5 8
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Capital, . . .	145 1 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Income, . . .	513 5 5½
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Capital, . . .	500 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Income, . . .	28 15 10
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment—Income, . . .	94 19 6½
„ Preston (Navan) Income, . . .	124 7 2½
„ Preston (Queen's Co.), Income, . . .	107 11 8
„ Leamy Endowment, . . .	106 18 10
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Capital, . . .	2 18 0
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Income, . . .	35 10 1
„ Banagher Royal School Endowment, . . .	84 13 5½
„ Limerick Diocesan School, . . .	202 18 1
„ Leighlin and Gewry Diocesan School, . . .	12 14 0
„ Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School, . . .	33 8 0
„ Tuam, Kildale, and Achery Diocesan School, . . .	30 11 5
„ Athlone Private School, . . .	2 5 1
„ Banks Endowment, Bynescourt, . . .	9 5 0
„ Rope, R. Owen, . . .	149 0 11
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix, . . .	8 5 0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment, . . .	53 10 4
„ Crysfort Royal School Endowment, . . .	50 10 8
„ Outstanding Orders, . . .	183 18 4
Total, . . .	25,909 5 8½

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

No. II.—STOCK

<i>Dr.</i>	Made up to
Description of Securities.	—
<i>Government 3½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock.—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Commissioners of Education, "Account A,"	4,195 12 6
Do. do., (formerly collateral with Bank of Ireland),	2,000 0 0
Do. do., "Account B,"	164 2 10
Accountant-General, Credit of Commissioners and Great Southern Railway Company	008 19 2
Bishop of Clogher, and others, and Commissioners,	440 6 0
	7,705 1 8
To Canada 3 per cent. Stock,	408 16 2
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c.—</i>	
To Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	3,304 0 0
	3,384 0 0
Do. do. 4½ per cent. Debenture,	821 0 0
	821 0 0
Do. do. 4 per cent. Rent Charge,	2,928 0 0
	2,928 0 0
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Guaranteed Preference Stock,	5,100 0 0
	5,100 0 0

IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1908.

Cr.

TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.	—
<i>Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
By Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	2,607 11 3
„ Preston (Navan) Endowment,	8,514 11 4
„ Limerick Diocesan School,	63 1 6
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	11 8 5
„ Do. do.	440 0 0
„ Athlone Private School,	164 2 10
„ Preston General Endowment,	903 19 2
	<hr/> 7,706 1 3 <hr/>
„ Preston School, Navan,	496 10 2
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—</i>	
By Leamy Endowment,	3,168 0 0
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	180 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board	26 0 0
	<hr/> 3,884 0 0 <hr/>
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	600 0 0
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	85 0 0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School,	46 0 0
„ Meath and Ardagh do. do.	108 0 0
„ Tullam, Killalea, and Achery do. do.	107 0 0
	<hr/> 821 0 0 <hr/>
„ Leamy Endowment,	1,100 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	1,417 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	400 0 0
	<hr/> 2,928 0 0 <hr/>
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment,	1,100 0 0
„ Carynfort Royal School Endowment,	1,087 11 3
„ Preston (Queen's County) Endowment,	2,798 14 11
„ Tullam, Killalea, and Achery Endowment,	114 18 5
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	28 15 5
	<hr/> 5,109 0 0 <hr/>

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No. II.—STOCK

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITY.	—
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	3,611 0 0
	8,611 0 0
To Dublin and South Eastern Railway New Consolidated (A.) 4 per cent. Debenture,	934 0 0
	934 0 0
„ Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture,	1,000 0 0
„ Midland Railway Company 2½ per cent. Debenture (Donegal Conversion),	900 0 0
	900 0 0
To Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,447 0 0
	2,447 0 0
„ Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Guaranteed Stock,	600 0 0
„ Cork and Brandon 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,667 0 0
„ Guaranteed Land Stock,	2,667 0 0
	34,484 18 4
„ Do. do. (Guarantee Deposits),	5,088 0 0
	39,572 18 4
Bank of Ireland Stock,	318 5 8
	318 5 8

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—continued.

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TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.	—
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
By Leamy Endowment,	1,250 0 0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	22 0 0
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment,	1,345 7 5
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	133 0 0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	267 7 6
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	199 0 0
„ Tuam, Killa, and Achonry,	437 4 10
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment,	8 0 0
	<hr/> 8,011 0 0
„ Leamy Endowment,	741 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	313 0 0
	<hr/> 654 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	<hr/> 1,000 0 0
	<hr/>
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	414 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	361 0 0
„ Croydon Royal School Endowment,	72 0 0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Endowment,	84 0 0
„ Meath and Ardagh Endowment,	36 0 0
„ Tuam, Killa, and Achonry Endowment,	90 0 0
	<hr/> 900 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	2,800 0 0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	147 0 0
	<hr/> 2,447 0 0
„ Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	<hr/> 600 0 0
	<hr/>
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,087 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	680 0 0
	<hr/> 2,667 0 0
„ Cavan Estate Sale,	7,524 18 6
„ Donegal Estate Sale,	11 0 0
„ Fermanagh Estate Sale,	25,948 19 10
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,612 0 0
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment,	187 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	2,980 0 0
	<hr/> 30,572 18 4
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyfeix,	209 14 4
„ Preston General Account,	4 18 10
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	35 6 5
„ Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	3 6 5
„ Tuam, Killa, and Achonry Diocesan Endowment,	14 19 1
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrescourt,	8 8 11
„ Benagh Royal School,	26 5 8
	<hr/> 318 5 8

APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

1 (a).—THE ULSTER ROYAL

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	Total.
		Rents.	Dividends.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
Armagh Royal School, . . .	£ s. d. 67 18 7	£ s. d. 1,395 7 0	£ s. d. 718 3 8	£ s. d. 23 14 7	£ s. d. 1,648 7 6	£ s. d. .	£ s. d. 1,906 9 10
Cavan Royal School, . . .	120 10 6	.	985 15 8	22 17 7	1,007 13 1	.	448 3 7
Reggio Royal School, . . .	111 5 5	60 0 0	175 5 8	9 12 4	255 18 1	.	365 4 6
Randolph Royal School, . . .	449 14 11	75 15 3	979 2 10	68 6 9	1,115 4 48	.	1,564 19 9
Dungannon Royal School, . . .	91 10 2	1,688 14 6	0 6 2	7 0 0	1,706 1 8	.	1,797 11 10
Total, . . .	540 17 54	2,549 17 9	2,168 15 11	123 11 8	5,252 4 41	.	6,003 2 7

1 (b).—THE ULSTER LOCAL

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	Total.
		Distributions of Endowment.	Dividends, &c. on Endowed Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
Armagh Protestant, . . .	.	£ s. d. 263 10 0	£ s. d. .	£ s. d. .	£ s. d. 263 10 0	£ s. d. 115 10 0	£ s. d. 379 0 0
Armagh Roman Catholic, . . .	.	263 10 0	.	.	526 20 0	.	905 10 0
Cavan Protestant, . . .	.	151 0 0	.	.	151 0 0	.	151 0 0
Cavan Roman Catholic, . . .	30 19 2	121 0 0	61 18 4	3 4 0	185 2 4	.	217 1 6
Down Protestant, . . .	.	104 10 0	.	11 5 10	115 15 10	35 1 2	141 0 0
Down Roman Catholic, . . .	.	104 10 0	.	.	104 10 0	.	104 10 0
Fermanagh Protestant, . . .	.	445 10 0	.	5 0 0	450 10 0	13 19 2	463 9 3
Fermanagh Roman Catholic, . . .	28 8 11	445 10 0	24 10 11	1 14 10	504 15 9	.	533 4 8
Tyrone Protestant, . . .	.	845 10 0	.	.	845 10 0	.	845 10 0
Tyrone Roman Catholic, . . .	.	845 10 0	.	.	845 10 0	.	845 10 0
Total, . . .	59 8 1	3,166 0 0	116 9 8	21 7 8	6,343 16 11	124 19 5	7,577 15 5

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, December 31, 1900.	Total.
		Rents.	Dividends.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
Manager Royal School, . . .	£ s. d. 152 7 0	£ s. d. 152 7 0	£ s. d. 36 9 14	£ s. d. 4 5 11	£ s. d. 234 15 51	£ s. d. .	£ s. d. 234 15 51
* Carysfort Royal School, . . .	58 19 7	185 5 9	41 18 0	0 17 4	246 3 1	.	327 0 6
Athlone Private School, . . .	2 1 0	.	4 2 0	0 4 1	4 6 1	.	6 7 3
Banks Endowment, Eyrewood, . . .	5 4 7	4 12 4	15 18 4	0 14 5	25 8 3	.	29 16 10
Leamy Endowment, Limerick, . . .	57 17 4	.	239 2 1	12 14 2	255 18 3	.	309 15 7
Leamy Protestant Board of Education, . . .	.	.	25 8 6	1 6 0	26 15 4	.	25 15 6
Protestant Endowment (General) . . .	.	4 10 8	389 8 7	2 10 2	526 3 5	.	539 3 8
Protestant School, Navan, . . .	49 5 8	.	97 14 0	5 6 8	102 19 6	.	152 5 6
Protestant, Queen's County, . . .	51 2 10	.	106 7 0	7 5 6	115 9 6	.	164 12 4
Protestant, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Protestant Scholarships, . . .	3 0 1	.	34 2 4	1 5 5	35 8 9	.	38 5 10
Vicount Limerick Endowment, . . .	53 7 6	46 2 0	4 5 6	0 15 5	63 4 11	.	106 12 8
Protestant, Dundalk, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
North and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund, . . .	29 9 8	.	58 4 0	1 16 7	59 19 7	.	89 9 5
Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund, . . .	11 4 7	.	12 14 10	0 13 0	13 9 10	.	24 14 5
Limerick Diocesan School Fund, . . .	225 18 11	90 0 0	1 9 4	3 4 4	94 14 2	.	322 12 1
Team, &c., Diocesan School Fund, . . .	34 9 11	.	30 15 4	2 6 5	33 2 9	.	67 12 8
Total, . . .	557 5 9	391 19 2	1,004 15 54	46 0 7	1,642 12 21	.	2,220 17 14

* From October 1, 1907, to September 30, 1908.

ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1908.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

DISCHARGE.

Cn.

Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1907	EXPENDITURE.					Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1908.	TOTAL.	Name of Endowment
	On Receipts, Endowment, &c.			Amount Discharged between Local Boards.	Total Repaid—1908.			
	Grants, &c.	Agency Allowances, and other Payments.	Refund of Marriages' Allowances.					
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
165 5 3	86 12 11	495 0 0	227 0 0	1,278 1 2	689 19 8	1,916 0 10		Annagh Royal School.
98 17 10	13 3 0	86 13 4	242 0 0	323 16 4	125 7 11	449 3 7½		Cavan Royal School.
7 0 10	26 15 0	128 0 0	200 0 0	395 0 0	119 5 8	514 5 8		Raphoe Royal School.
97 5 6	259 6 19	94 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,792 12 4	512 8 3½	1,564 19 9½		Enniskillen Royal School.
					94 19 0½	1,797 11 10½		Diaghann Royal School.
1993 12 5	328 19 5	777 13 4	3,168 0 0	4,881 5 2	1,502 17 5½	6,969 2 7½		Total.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE.

Cn.

Debit Balance, December 31, 1907.	CREDITS.				Credit Balance, December 31, 1908.	Total.	Name of Endowment
	Grant, &c., one by Local Boards.	Balance of Building Funds, &c., 1908.	Net Amount of Balance of Endowment.	Total Credits.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
115 10 0	251 0 0	-	32 10 0	283 10 0	-	379 0 0	Annagh Protestant.
-	-	-	253 10 0	253 10 0	-	312 9 0	Annagh Roman Catholic.
-	-	-	121 0 0	121 0 0	-	121 0 0	Cavan Protestant.
25 1 3	63 0 0	61 18 4	32 10 0	115 18 10	31 3 2	217 1 6	Cavan Roman Catholic.
6 8 0	34 8 3	-	104 10 0	104 10 0	-	141 0 0	Downpatrick Protestant.
-	-	55 18 4½	405 12 0	461 1 2	-	467 9 3	Downpatrick Roman Catholic.
-	-	-	448 10 0	504 8 10	26 15 10	535 4 8	Downpatrick Roman Catholic.
-	-	-	645 10 0	645 10 0	-	645 10 0	Downpatrick Protestant.
-	-	-	645 10 0	645 10 0	-	645 10 0	Downpatrick Roman Catholic.
148 19 2	288 8 3	117 17 2	2,861 11 10	3,307 27 3	62 19 0	3,517 15 6	Total.

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE.

Cn.

Total Balance, December 31, 1907	EXPENDITURE.				Credit Balance, December, 1908.	Total.	Name of Endowment
	On Receipts, &c.		Borrowed.	Total Expended.			
	Grants, &c.	Other Receipts.					
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2 10 9	6 17 8	1113 2 8	28 0 0	147 0 5	84 18 3½	324 15 5½	Enniskillen Royal School.
-	5 3 6	35 12 3	141 0 0	179 16 8	47 5 0	227 0 8	Cavan Protestant.
-	-	-	4 2 0	4 2 0	2 5 1	6 7 1	Enniskillen Roman Catholic.
-	4 18 1	0 0 10	15 12 13	20 11 10	9 8 0	29 16 10	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	20 0 0	0 9 1	179 7 8	199 16 9	100 18 10	300 15 7	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	1 10 0	25 8 8	26 16 8	-	26 16 8	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	82 3 9	16 16 8	440 4 0	539 3 5	-	539 3 5	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	-	98 2 8	98 2 8	54 2 8	152 5 8	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	2 18 0	104 6 4	107 4 4	57 8 0	164 12 4	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	0 0 10	30 0 0	20 0 10	5 5 0	25 5 10	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	0 2 1	33 0 0	33 2 1	53 10 4	104 15 5	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	0 1 8	35 0 0	36 1 8	33 8 0	69 9 3	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	0 0 5	12 0 0	12 0 5	12 14 0	24 14 5	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	-	-	-	282 13 1	282 13 1	Enniskillen Protestant.
-	-	0 1 8	38 0 0	38 1 3	39 11 5	67 12 8	Enniskillen Protestant.
2 19 9	129 5 0	107 14 4	1,178 1 2	1,461 18 6	764 19 8½	2,299 17 11½	Total.

† Including £97 10s. 6d., retiring annuity of late Head Master.

No. IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER, 1907.

RENTALS, 1907.

NAME OF RIVER.	Armsay, 1907.	Reah, 1907.	Total.	Collected, 1907.	Armsay, 1907.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh,	16 8 2	934 17 0	951 5 2	919 7 6	31 17 8
Tyrone,	1,714 10 3	1,398 0 5	3,312 10 8	1,382 5 5	1,730 5 3
Do. Bog,	114 2 8	107 1 6	221 4 2	99 4 6	121 19 8
Carysfort,	21 0 6	124 14 3	145 14 9	115 14 9	30 0 0
Banagher,	Nil.	159 5 2	159 5 2	120 7 2	38 18 0
Totals,	1,866 1 7	2,923 18 4	4,789 19 11	2,636 19 4	1,953 0 7

No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1907, TO MAY, 1908.

NAME OF RIVER.	Balance, 1907.	Receipts, 1907-8.	Total.	Outgoings, 1907-8.	Ledged, 1907-8.	Balance, 1908.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh,	26 5 9	928 0 3	954 6 0	174 16 10	750 0 0	29 9 2
Tyrone,	142 6 11	1,681 9 11	1,823 16 10	301 6 10	1,350 0 0	172 10 0
Carysfort,	Nil.	121 14 9	121 14 9	33 18 1	87 16 8	Nil.
Banagher,	174 14 3	132 0 2	306 14 5	111 6 0	100 0 0	95 8 5
Totals,	343 6 11	2,843 5 1	3,206 12 0	621 7 9	2,287 16 8	297 7 7

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
26th March, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on the audit of their Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1908, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. O'SULLIVAN,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary,
Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
26th March, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report that I have Audited the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended the 31st December, 1908, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and I forward herewith the Abstracts of the Accounts for that period in the prescribed form duly certified.

I have also Audited the Accounts of the Preston School Authority, Abbeylisk, for the same period, and enclose a copy of the Abstract of the Accounts.

The Accounts were presented for Audit in a satisfactory manner.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

B. J. BAKER,
Auditor.

The Local Government Board, Dublin.

INSPECTION, 1907-1908.

I.

REPORT

With regard to the INSPECTION for the Year 1907-1908 of the Schools selected by the Local Boards of Education to shew in the

UNTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

As Inspector appointed by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the school year 1907-08, I made my inspection of these Schools in September-October, 1908. The number of such Schools is now twelve, the Fermanagh Protestant Board having "selected" during the past year, in addition to Enniskillen Royal School, the Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen.

The subjoined Table shows the accommodation of the Schools and the numbers on their Roll respectively:—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Pupils which the School was accommodated.			No. of Pupils on Roll, 1907-1908.					
	Boards.	Boy Pupils.	Total.	Boards.		Boy Pupils.		Total.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Royal School, Armagh, ...	100	100	200	48	-	33	-	81	
St. Patrick's College, Armagh, ...	60	16	76	45	-	2	-	47	
Royal School, Cavan, ...	40	40	80	15	-	20	-	35	
St. Patrick's College, Cavan, ...	90	50	140	61	-	36	-	97	
Royal School, Raphoe, ...	40	100	140	10	5	24	18	57	
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, ...	80	20	100	64	-	5	-	69	
Royal School, Enniskillen, ...	110	50	160	83	-	21	-	104	
Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, ...	-	30	30	-	-	8	19	27	
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, ...	70	30	100	58	-	4	-	62	
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, ...	-	50	50	-	-	31	-	31	
Royal School, Dungannon, ...	60	140	200	22	16	45	49	132	
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, ...	-	130	130	-	-	30	27	57	
Totals, ...	650	756	1,406	406	21	259	113	799	

The success of the Schools, as shown by the Intermediate Examinations, is set forth in the following Table:—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Pupils on Intermediate School Roll.	Number presented for Intermediate Examinations.		Number who passed.		Percentage of Pupils to Junior or Higher Grade in this School Roll.	Percentage of Pupils to number presented for examination.
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Royal School, Armagh, ...	55	30	-	22	-	40	73.3
St. Patrick's College, Armagh, ...	31	25	-	20	-	64.6	80
Royal School, Cavan, ...	23	20	-	12	-	52.1	60
St. Patrick's College, Cavan, ...	63	29	-	29	-	46	74.3
Royal School, Raphoe, ...	37	24	11	10	7	45.9	48.5
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, ...	53	50	-	43	-	81.1	86
Royal School, Enniskillen, ...	66	40	-	22	-	33.3	53
Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, ...	12	1	7	-	6	50	75
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, ...	53	53	-	41	-	77.3	77.3
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, ...	28	23	-	18	-	64.2	78.2
Royal School, Dungannon, ...	63	43	21	27	15	50.6	65.6
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, ...	53	25	23	17	22	75	81.2
General Result, ...	556	373	62	261	50	58.9	71.4

* These numbers are, of course, only approximate.

School Rolls.—The number of pupils on the rolls for the year just closed reaches the pleasing total of 799. But it must be remembered that this total includes the rolls of twelve Schools, whereas for several years past only eleven Schools have been dealt with. Hence, if we are to institute a comparison between the present and previous Returns, the latest addition to the number of Schools, viz., the Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, must be excluded, with the result that we find the total roll of the other eleven Schools to be exactly the same for 1907-08 as it was for 1906-07, viz., 792. Last year this result was regarded as satisfactory, and there is no reason why it should not be so regarded still, marking, as it does, a substantial advance on what obtained in 1905 and 1906, when the numbers were 679 and 703 respectively.

Although the total roll of the eleven Schools shows no change since last year, variations are apparent in individual School rolls. The most marked increases are those of Raphoe Royal School, 10; St. Patrick's College, Cavan, 9; and St. Bunan's, Letterkenny, 9; while the most notable reductions are those of St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, 12; Royal School, Enniskillen, 11; and St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, 7. It is with particular regret that I note a reduced attendance at the Dungannon Academy, which, after a period of depression, showed what were regarded as pronounced signs of recovery last year. These signs, however, have not been maintained.

The gross Intermediate rolls this year numbered 556, of whom 485 were presented for examination, that is, 87 per cent., while last year the figures were 548 and 447, or 81 per cent. The falling off in this respect is not a very material one, but I could wish that it did not exist at all, more especially as this is the second year in succession in which a reduced percentage has had to be recorded. It is only fair to state, however, that in the cases in which the want of proportion is most marked between the numbers on the Intermediate Roll and the numbers presented for examination, an explanation is to be found in the fact that the Schools concerned have on their rolls a considerable number of backward boys who are too old for the Preparatory Grade and of too low a standard of educational efficiency for any higher Grade.

Educational Efficiency.—Tested by the results of the recent Intermediate Examinations, the Schools, taken as a whole, have done very creditably. The successful candidates number 311 out of 435 who entered for the Examinations, that is, the percentage of "Passes" is 71·4. This result compares very favourably with that of last year, when the percentage was 64·8, but it is to be remembered that the general results for the country as a whole also show an improvement this year, but not to the same extent, the general percentage of "Passes" being 61·1, as compared with 57·1 in 1907. It will thus be seen that, although the Schools generally throughout the country and the particular Schools with which we are dealing have both improved their position, the latter still maintain that supremacy to which attention has been called for years past, the particular and general percentages on the present occasion being 71·4 and 61·1.

Judged by the Intermediate Examinations, four of the Schools selected to share in the Endowments have advanced materially during the year. They are Armagh Royal School, St. Bunan's, Letterkenny, St. Macarten's, Monaghan, and St. Michael's, Enniskillen, their percentages of "Passes" having risen as follows:—Armagh, from 53 to 73; St. Bunan's, from 68 to 80; St. Macarten's, from 61 to 77; and St. Michael's, from 63 to 78. The Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, with which we are dealing for the first time, sent only eight pupils to examination, but its percentage of "Passes" is very creditable, viz., 75. The remaining Schools either show some improvement or practically hold their own.

In analysing the results last year one could not help observing the number of failures which occurred in French and in Natural Philosophy. This year the remark continues to apply in the case of French, but Natural Philosophy has recovered its position.

Buildings, Equipment, &c.—Speaking generally, the School buildings are in good order, and the teaching appliances are sufficient and suitable. In St. Macarten's, the new wing alluded to in last report is fast nearing completion, and when finished will go far to render St. Macarten's one of the best equipped Schools in the country. Two new laboratories—a physical and a chemical—are being provided, as well as a spacious dormitory, and extra up-to-date lavatory accommodation. Some minor repairs have been effected in Armagh and Dungannon Royal Schools. In Enniskillen Royal School some useful cementing and wainscoting have been done, and in Raphoe Royal School two rooms in the Head Master's quarters have been refurnished.

The Reports of the Department on the Science teaching are, speaking generally, very creditable, but some of the laboratories might be kept more tidily.

I would call attention to the following points:—

St. Patrick's, Armagh.—There are pronounced signs of dampness in the new dormitory where it adjoins the old building.

Raphoe Royal School.—The dining hall should be done up, and the back of main building badly needs attention.

St. Bunan's, Letterkenny.—Dampness is apparent in the vicinity of the turret.

St. Michael's, Enniskillen.—The recreation ground is poor, and the entrance is badly kept.

St. Macarten's, Monaghan.—The ventilation of the class rooms should be much better attended to.

The Academy, Dungannon.—A supply of maps is required for the boys' department.

Health.—The health prevailing in the Schools was excellent. A few isolated cases of influenza, chicken-pox, and mumps were the only forms of illness experienced during the year.

Free Places.—All the Schools advertised "free education" for at least two pupils, as prescribed by Section 59 of the Scheme. Armagh Royal School, St. Patrick's College, Armagh, and St. Michael's, Enniskillen, attracted no applications, while Enniskillen Royal School and Ladies' Collegiate School had only one candidate each. For the other Schools the applications were fairly numerous, and in some cases the standard of excellence reached was very high.

Local Boards.—The Local Boards, speaking generally, have duly observed the various requirements of the Scheme. Minutes and accounts are, for the most part, accurately kept, but I should like to see an improvement in the attendance of some of the members.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen.—At a meeting held on April 8, 1908, the Fermanagh Protestant Board "selected" the Ladies' Collegiate School to share in the Endowments, in accordance with Section 57 of the Scheme. The School is a struggling one, small in numbers, and poor in equipment, but, nevertheless, filling a want in Enniskillen, in that it is the only school of its type which prepares girls for the Intermediate Examinations. On this ground alone, I should be glad to see it receiving some of that material support of which it stands in need, but I am unable to certify it as "qualified" for the school year just concluded, on the following grounds:—

1. Neither Experimental Science nor Greek, either of which is an essential subject under the Scheme in a school for boys and girls, was taught during the year.
2. There were only fifteen pupils of the prescribed age receiving Intermediate Education during the year. The Scheme requires that there should be twenty such pupils.
3. Only six pupils from the School passed at the recent Intermediate Examinations, while the number required by the Scheme is seven.

Schedule I. Qualified Schools.—With the exception of the Ladies' Collegiate School, above referred to, I am satisfied that all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled, and I beg to report the compliance by each of the other eleven Schools with the requirements of the Scheme in respect of the School year ended August 1, 1908.

The matters which call for attention, and to which I have alluded above, will be made the subject of further reference in my detailed Report to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, *Inspector.*

October 8, 1908.

INSPECTION.

II.

DETAILED REPORT OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S INSPECTOR.

SCHEME No. 34.—Ulster Royal Schools Endowments.

I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.—Four meetings were held during the year, but the attendance was scarcely all that could be desired, especially on the part of the ecclesiastical representatives of the Armagh Diocesan Council. I regret to have to report the death of the Very Rev. Dean Shaw-Hamilton, which causes a vacancy amongst the representatives just referred to. The lay members take a genuine interest in the working of the School, notably Mr. Peel and the Hon. Secretary.

Armagh Royal School.—There is a slight increase in the School Roll, while the Intermediate results show a pronounced advance on those of last year. The percentage of Passes has risen from 53 to 73, and of the many distinctions gained three are Exhibitions. As in previous years Languages are very creditable, and Mathematics, formerly weak, show marked signs of improvement. Once again I have to report that there were no applicants for the two free places offered for competition under Section 59 of the Scheme. The premises are in very fair repair, the entrance hall leading to Head Master's quarters, one of the class halls, and the bath-room on ground floor having received attention during the year. The staircase leading to junior class hall is in bad condition, and the walls of study hall should be refreshed. A slight outbreak of chicken-pox at the busiest season of the year somewhat disorganised school work for a time.

II.—Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.—Four meetings have been held, and the attendance of members works out at nearly 60 per cent. This is satisfactory. The minutes and accounts are accurately kept, and were written up to date.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh.—There is little change either in the School Roll or in the Intermediate Results. With its fine percentage of 83 Passes last year, St. Patrick's easily held pride of place amongst the selected schools, and this year's result is little less marvellous, giving a percentage of 80 Passes. The only noticeably weak subject in the various grades was Irish, and I am glad to be able to report that during the year more attention was given to French and Drawing than had previously been the case. There were no candidates for the free places offered under Section 59 of the Scheme—an experience somewhat unusual for St. Patrick's. There are pronounced signs of despatch in the new dormitory where it adjoins the old building—a state of things which, I think, should be reported to the architect at once. Ventilation should receive more attention, and the water supply of one of the outdoor w.c.'s is defective. The care being bestowed on the recreation grounds should in time have very pleasing results.

III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.—The attendance of members was good—working out at nearly 60 per cent.—but only three meetings were held during the year. Arrangements are being made, however, to summon a meeting at an early date, when a number of the members, absent from various causes, have returned home. The enterprise of the Governors in founding valuable scholarships has not met with the appreciation it deserves. In 1907 there was only one candidate, while in 1908 no applications were received. It is difficult to understand why these educational prizes are not more sought after. Three candidates presented themselves for the free places offered under the Scheme, and two were successful. The Hon. Secretary and some of the other members are energetic in working the Scholarship Fund, and it is to be hoped their labours will soon command the success they deserve.

Cavan Royal School.—An increase, welcome although slight, is noticeable in the School Roll, 85 taking the place of 83, while the percentage of Passes is similar to that of last year, viz., 60. Languages, especially Latin, were weak, but Mathematics were satisfactory. Recent changes in the teaching Staff are expected to have beneficial results on the subjects which were found to be deficient. Some plaster work is required on the corridor leading to the dormitory, otherwise the house generally is in good order, and everything is tidily kept.

IV.—Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.—The attendance of members at the statutory meetings, which were duly held, was very good, the high average of 75 per cent. being obtained. The provisions of the Scheme have been duly observed, and the minutes and accounts are well kept.

St. Patrick's College, Cavan.—A substantial improvement has taken place both in the School Roll and in the percentage of Passes obtained at the Intermediate Examinations. The Roll has risen from 88 to 97, and the percentage of Passes from 68 to 74. Geometry and Latin were somewhat weak, but a pleasing proof of good all-round teaching is to be found in the fact that the number of failures in individual subjects is comparatively very small. The attendance of pupils is very regular, the absentees, even among day boys who come long distances, being exceptional. Of the eleven candidates for the free places, the

Examiner did not speak very highly. English, Grammar, and Analysis were reported to be weak, and the majority of the Compositions childish. St. Patrick's is heavily handicapped by the late age at which many of the pupils enter. A boy of fifteen or sixteen years of age who has received only a very ordinary primary school education does not form promising material for an Intermediate Class. It is a pity intending pupils cannot be induced to present themselves earlier.

The premises generally are in good condition; class halls and baths have been refrescoed, but I should like to see the Laboratory kept more tidily, and the hall court converted.

V.—*Donagel Protestant Board of Education*.—The attendance of members leaves something to be desired, two gentlemen having failed to attend a single meeting during the year, and four others having put in an appearance only once. The interest displayed by some members, however, made up for the slackness of their colleagues. Five meetings were held, and much care and thought was devoted to the management of the School.

Usher Royal School.—The School Roll shows the pleasing increase of 10, but the percentage of Intermediate successes is slightly lower than that of last year. The greatest number of failures occurred in the Junior Grade, where French was the weak subject; Mathematics and Experimental Science were good throughout, and Natural Philosophy, which was a fatal subject last year, has recovered its position. The returns in the Senior Grade were particularly satisfactory—five were presented and five passed. A feature of the year's work was the success of the choir, which obtained 333 marks out of a possible 400, or more than 83 per cent.

As to the premises, a couple of rooms in the Head Master's quarters have been done up, but the dining hall sadly needs attention. The light in the girls' class-room is defective, especially for Drawing, and would, I think, be improved by the removal of one of the trees growing in front of the building. The bath in Foster House should be enamelled, otherwise this department is in particularly good order. The plastering of the back of the main building is still a crying necessity.

VI.—*Donagel Roman Catholic Board of Education*.—The duties of this Board are very light, but the requirements of the Scheme as to the holding of statutory meetings are duly observed. When one considers the business to be transacted and the distance to be travelled, the attendance of members is fairly satisfactory, but one gentleman, I note, failed to attend a single meeting during the year.

St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.—The School Roll shows a still farther increase on the substantial one reported last year, and now stands at 69, while the percentage of Intermediate successes reaches the fine record of 86. Judged by this latter test, St. Eunan's easily takes first place among the twelve schools selected to share in the Usher Royal School Endowments. French and Irish were weak, but Classics were good. Twenty-one candidates competed for the free places, of whom three scored over 70 per cent. The perfection of the domestic arrangements referred to in last report is still maintained, the Science Hall is particularly well kept, but I was sorry to note signs of dampness in portions of the building—especially in the vicinity of the towers. The recreation grounds are now taking shape, and will, when completed, be in keeping with the internal arrangements of the establishment.

VII.—*Farranagh Protestant Board of Education*.—The businesslike interest taken by this Board in the affairs of the School is well maintained, and the attendance of members at Board meetings, which are regularly held, is satisfactory. The provisions of the Scheme are duly observed, and, as heretofore, the records of the Board are neatly and accurately kept.

Smockhullow Royal School.—The School Roll shows a reduction of 11, but it is still well over 100, which must be regarded as satisfactory. The percentage of intermediate successes is practically the same as last year, viz., 55—not a very brilliant result, perhaps, but at least one which compares very favourably with that of 1906. The Report of the "Department" states that improvement has been made in the teaching of Experimental Science and Drawing, and an analysis of the Intermediate Results suggests that French has recovered somewhat from the weakness referred to last year. There was no competition for the free places offered, only one candidate, who was found up to the required standard, presenting himself. The School Hall and passage leading to the Study Hall have during the year received much-needed attention. They have been re-coloured, and some useful work in wall-papering has been done. Some cementing has also been carried out, but this work should be extended at the back of main building. The interior generally is now in very good order.

Ladies' Collegiate School.—By resolution of April 8, 1908, the local Board "selected" this School to share in the Endowments, in accordance with Section 67 of the Scheme. I found, however, that it had not "qualified" on the following grounds:—(1) Neither Experimental Science nor Greek, either of which is an essential subject under the Scheme in a school for boys and girls, was taught during the year; (2) there were only fifteen pupils of the prescribed age receiving Intermediate Education during the year; (3) Only six pupils passed at the recent Intermediate Examination. Recognising that the School is doing useful work, notwithstanding its poor equipment and limited numbers, I should very much have liked to recommend the Board to use their dispensing powers in its favour for the past year, but not being "satisfied" that the required conditions will be fulfilled in the coming year, I did not feel myself at liberty to do so.

Passing six pupils out of seven presented is, I think, a very creditable result for an establishment of the slender resources of the Collegiate School.

VIII.—*Fernsagh Roman Catholic Board of Education*.—I found the accounts and minutes written up to date—a pleasing contrast to last year—but in the case of two cheques drawn in favour of St. Michael's School, Enniskillen, it did not appear to what purposes the money was to be applied. Five meetings of the Board were held, at which the attendance of clerical members was very good, but that of lay members was poor—two gentlemen failing to attend a single meeting during the year. This will necessitate co-opting to fill the vacancies thus caused.

St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan.—The School Roll showed a slight reduction (two) compared with that of last year, while as regards Intermediate Results, the School has recovered the high position which it had temporarily lost, a percentage of 61 successes last year giving place to one of 77 on the present occasion. The number and nature of the distinctions gained, too, have resumed their old standard. Mathematics and Irish were very good all round—even brilliant—and any noticeable weakness there showed itself in Languages. There was good competition for the free places (twenty applicants for four places), and the standard of merit attained was proportionately high. The premises are in good order, and the new wing, which is fast nearing completion, will, when finished, go far to render St. Macartan's one of the best-equipped schools in the country. Splendid outside lavatory accommodation has been provided, and two fine ball courts are being erected. The ventilation of the class rooms should be much better attended to.

St. Michael's School, Enniskillen.—The School Roll has suffered the substantial reduction of seven—from thirty-eight to thirty-one, but there are signs that this is only a temporary phase. The Intermediate Results are very creditable—a percentage of 78 successes—no grade and no subject being noticeably weak. English appears to have been particularly well taught.

The playground is poor, and the entrance to the school premises should be more tidily kept. If funds are not available to concrete the ground, some gravel should be spread, especially near the entrance gate. In the residential quarters the ceiling of the staircase in the entrance hall needs plaster, and there are signs of damp in the recreation room, which are reproduced in the class-room beneath; otherwise the premises, sanitation, ventilation, &c., are in good order.

IX.—*Tyrone Protestant Board of Education*.—Six meetings were held during the year, and the attendance of members has much improved. Some confusion appears to have existed as to the method of filling casual vacancies amongst the representatives of the various electing bodies, but the procedure in this matter has now been definitely settled. The provisions of the Scheme are duly observed, and the members of the Board are earnest in consulting for the best interests of the School.

Dungannon Royal School.—The percentage of successes at the Intermediate Examinations is similar to that of last year, viz., 65. This is creditable, but it does not reach the standard attained for several years previous to 1907. The high School Roll is still maintained, even slightly increased, 182 taking the place of 181. Classics and Experimental Science were particularly good, and many distinctions were obtained, but French was weak in some grades. The standard reached by the free place candidates was low, only one place being awarded, although eight competed.

In the girls' department twenty-one entered for the Intermediate Examination, and fifteen passed. English and French were very creditable. The woodwork of the windows generally needs attention, also the boarders' study. One of the Assistant Masters' rooms has been done up, and drawing desks of a modern type have been provided. In the girls' department things are in good order, but some storage room should be found for the pupils' boxes. In their present location (outside the dormitory) they collect dust and interfere with the free passage of air.

X.—*Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education*.—Two members have not attended a meeting since their co-opting in December last, which co-opting was rendered necessary owing to failure of attendance in the previous year. Under the circumstances it might be well if some fresh blood were introduced. The attendance of the majority was satisfactory, four meetings were held, and the minutes are well kept.

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.—I am sorry to have to report a substantial reduction in the School Roll—fifty-seven taking the place of sixty-nine—which means that the satisfactory increase of seventeen reported last year has not been maintained. As I said before, the great desideratum of this School is a strong School Roll, and it is something to think that, even with the set-back above referred to, the return showed an increase of five on that for 1906. Out of forty-eight pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations thirty-nine passed, that is, over 81 per cent., a very creditable result, which entitles St. Patrick's, on the ground of percentages, to second place amongst the schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments. English and French were good, but Geometry, in the boys' department, showed signs of weakness. The girls' department deserves special note in that of twenty-three pupils presented, in the various grades, only one failed, a result all the more meritorious as the daily attendance was far from regular. The applicants for free places were fairly numerous, but the standard of answering was low. As suggested in last Report, wash-basins have been provided for the pupils, but maps are still wanting in the boys' department.

Scheme No. 55.—Diocese of Meath. Preston (Navan) Endowment.

The Schoolhouse and premises are in excellent repair. The teaching staff consists of Head Master, Assistant Master, and Lady Teacher. Both the efficiency and discipline of the School are good. Separate class-rooms are provided for the Teachers. The Assistant Master at present occupying the post has been recently appointed, and has high-class testimonials, having obtained a Senior Grade Intermediate Scholarship, a Scholarship from Royal College of Science, and an Experimental Science Scholarship in Trinity College, Dublin.

WILLIAM F. ALSTY, Inspector.

February 16, 1909.

Scheme No. 95.—Leamy Endowments, Limerick.

Leamy Protestant Board.—The stated quarterly meetings were held, and members attended with fair regularity, the average number of attendances working out at over 50 per cent. I note that a new member, Mr. Leveray, did not sign the Declaration Book at the first meeting which he attended. I am informed that this oversight will be made good at next meeting, and the fact that it occurred can, I think, be explained by the absence of the Secretary, who, I regret to say, has been rather seriously ill. The minutes and accounts are well kept, and I am satisfied that the Endowment is being administered to the best advantage.

Leamy High School.—The School Roll, I am glad to say, is stronger than on the occasion of my previous visit, the number having increased from 35 to 41. All the pupils are Protestants, and the Denominations are represented as follows:—Episcopalians, 27; Presbyterians, 7; Methodists, 4; Baptists, 8. In the Spring an outbreak of measles occurred, which seriously interfered with the School work, and, in addition, the Intermediate Class lost the services of the Head Mistress, Miss Miffler, for a considerable period, through influenza. Again I have to express satisfaction at the excellent manner in which this School is managed; teaching, tone, and discipline, are good; but as to the premises, the walls and some of the window-siding of the stairs need attention.

Leamy Roman Catholic Board.—Much has been done by the Roman Catholic Board to improve the old Leamy School premises. At last the antiquated windows, so often condemned, have been replaced by large well-lung windows eminently calculated to admit the maximum of light and air, and the beneficial effect on the atmosphere of the various class-rooms is most noticeable. The cost of recent improvements was large (£220), but good work has been done. Meetings are regularly held, the attendance of members is good, the records of the Board are neatly kept, and the provisions of the Scheme are duly observed.

Leamy National School.—The numbers on the Roll and in average attendance for the first quarter of the present year were 189 and 825 respectively, as compared with 145 and 345 for the first quarter of 1907. On the day of my visit there were 368 pupils in attendance. The National Board Inspector classifies the School as "Excellent," and says that "A very high standard of efficiency is maintained." I was well pleased with the Reading, which was intelligent, and with the practical method of teaching Geography, while the discipline, even in the Infant School, leaves little to be desired. The walls of the various class-rooms need re-colouring, and I should like to see a wash-basin provided for the juniors. The accumulation of filth in the laneway adjoining the School premises, alluded to in my last Report, is still allowed to continue.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

June 9, 1908.

Scheme No. 111.—Preston Endowment, Queen's County.

Since my last inspection, which took place early in October, 1907, three meetings of the Governing Body have been held, viz., in October and November, 1907, and in February, 1908. No meeting has been held since. This is not a healthy sign. If the Governors and their Secretary take a practical interest in the management of the School, the long period between February and October should not be allowed to elapse without a meeting being held. It is only fair to state that the attendance at such meetings as were held was very respectable—it works out at about 50 per cent. The minutes and accounts are well kept, but I should like to see the Bank Book made up monthly. Financially, the Governing Body are about £50 better off than they were last year.

The School Roll, I am sorry to say, has been diminished—20 (of whom 6 are boarders) taking the place of 23. Of these, 10 were in the Intermediate Classes immediately prior to the Examinations, 6 were presented, and 4 passed. An epidemic of measles, which broke out last term, and necessitated the prolonged absence of some of the pupils, accounts, I think, for the comparatively poor Intermediate Results. As in previous years, Experimental Science and Mathematics were very creditable, but Languages were weak in the Junior Grade. The premises generally are in very good order, except for damp spots in the Dining Room, and on the staircase walls. Order and neatness still continue characteristic of the establishment.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

October 7, 1908.

APPENDIX D.

REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ending August 1st, 1908.

The members of the Board during the year have been—

Representing the Armagh Diocesan Synod:—

0. His Grace the Lord Primate.
0. The Very Rev. the Dean of Armagh till his death in July.
0. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Armagh.
0. J. H. Gray, Esq., till his retirement in March.
4. Sir James H. Strange, Bart.
2. A. Nelson, Esq., after Mr. Gray's retirement.

Representing the General Assembly:—

1. The Rev. David Miller.
2. The Rev. R. J. Patterson.
1. R. G. McCrum, Esq.

Representing the Methodist Conference:—

4. Joshua B. Peel, Esq.

The members prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board.

Meetings have been held on December 18th, 1907, March 23rd, June 4th, and July 24th, 1908. On December 18th, Sir James Strange was re-elected our representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

On March 23rd, the Lord Primate was re-elected our Chairman, the Rev. David Miller our Vice-Chairman, and Sir James Strange our Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Peel, Mr. A. Nelson, and Sir James Strange were elected members of the Estates Committee.

We record with very great regret the death of our colleague the Dean of Armagh, who was, as long as health permitted, a very useful member of our Board, and a warm friend to the Armagh Royal School.

The Armagh Royal School has been very efficiently maintained during the year 1907-1908.

The following have been the teaching staff:—

H. Hirsch, B.A., Christ's College, Cambridge.
K. MacLennan, M.A., Edinburgh.
A. J. Austin, B.Sc., London.
W. Martin, B.Sc., Wales.
V. Duke, B.A., S.U.I.
J. Fenning, Book-keeping.
Miss Reid, Cert. Drawing.

A list of twenty boys who, among others, have received instruction in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme, and have made 100 attendances during the year, was forwarded as usual to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Thirty entered for the Intermediate Examinations. The following passed:—

SENIOR.	MIDDLE.	JUNIOR.	PREPARATORY.
Andrews, Betsman, Morrison, Murphy, Sandford.	Bates, McKenna, Ramsay, Taylor.	Faris, Eashaw, Murphy, Magowan, Reid, Edwards, Watkinson.	Colquhoun, Dorman, Patterson, Mann, Bates, Watson.

22 passed; 9 obtained Honours; 25 Exhibitions were gained; 3 Book Prizes; 5 Composition Prizes.

The number of Boarders during the Summer Term was 48, and the number of Day Pupils 33.

We have again to report that no candidates entered for the Free Place Examinations, which were advertised in due course.

For the first time for some years past the Commissioners of Education found themselves able to remit money to the Board, after paying the charges on the estate. But as the property is now in course of sale to the occupiers, and the income will be reduced until the sale is completed, we fear that we shall not receive much from the Commissioners for some time to come. Under these circumstances, it is fortunate that the School Maintenance Committee are able to inform us that the funds in their hands are not yet exhausted.

An abstract of the accounts as audited by the Local Government Board is appended.

DAVID MILLER,
Chairman.

THE ACCOUNT OF THE ARMAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISBURSE.	£ s. d.
Balance as per last Account	16 16 7	Insurance and Maintenance of Premises	22 9 2
Subscription	1 1 0	Taxes	25 15 6
Dividends	1 7 8	Auditor's Fee	1 1 0
Fees	80 0 0		49 6 8
		Advertising "Free Places" Examination	1 15 4
		Total Payment	51 1 0
		Balance per Bank Book	18 4 1
TOTAL	60 5 1	TOTAL	60 5 1

N.B.—Besides the above balance, there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:—2½ per Cent. Consols, £35 7s. 8d.; Post Office Savings Bank, £15 6s. 11d.

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal]

DAVID MILLER, *Governor.*

JAMES H. STRONG, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated 23rd day of March, 1909

I certify that the foregoing is correct.

R. J. BAKER,
Auditor.

8th day of May, 1908.

II.—Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1908.

Four meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College, Armagh, during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendance of each member at the meetings during the above period:—

	Oct. 16, 1907	Nov. 28, 1907	Jan'y. 15, 1908	June 20, 1908	Total
His Eminence Cardinal Logue	-	-	-	-	-
Very Rev. Canon Coyne	1	-	-	-	1
Very Rev. Canon McGeehey	1	-	-	-	1
Very Rev. Canon Collins	1	1	1	1	4
Rev. M. B. McConville	1	-	-	1	2
Wm. Kerr, Esq., M.A., A.R.	1	1	1	1	4
A. Donnelly, Esq.	1	1	-	1	3
H. J. McKee, Esq.	1	-	1	-	2
Patrick Lavery, Esq.	1	1	1	1	4

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, and Patrick Lavery were unanimously elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, respectively, for the year 1908.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, and Patrick Lavery were re-elected Catholic members of the Estates Committee.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, is the only school adopted by the Board.

The School Committee, appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Very Rev. M. Carrigy, O.M., President of St. Patrick's College, Armagh; Rev. J. Downey, O.M.; Rev. C. Murphy, O.M.; and Rev. Father Boyle, O.M., Professors of St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

An examination for Free Places was advertised to be held on 6th August, 1907, in conformity with section 59 of the Scheme. No candidates presented themselves for examination.

Very Rev. Michael Carrigy, O.M.; Rev. James Downey, O.M.; Rev. C. Murphy, O.M.; Rev. Father Boyle, O.M.; Thomas Savage, Esq.; and T. W. Holden, Esq., constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are,—Latin, Greek, English, French, Irish, Algebra, Arithmetick, Euclid, History, Geography, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Elocution, Drawing, and Music.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1908, there were 47 pupils in the School, of whom 10 were Middle Grade, 18 were Junior Grade, and 2 were Preparatory Grade.

The following is a list of 30 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects, and have made over 100 attendances during the past twelve months.

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Francis Boyle	6	Charles J. O'Reilly	11	John M. Hasey	16	Thomas R. O'Hare
2	Patrick J. Gogarty	7	Austin H. Quinn	12	John H. McCann	17	Patrick Quinn
3	Patrick M'Avoye	8	Thomas Radford	13	Joseph McDonald	18	Patrick J. Sweeney
4	Vincent F. J. McCabe	9	Michael T. Rogers	14	Peter M'Gin	19	Robert M'Gushin
5	Daniel McDonald	10	James Toner	15	George M'Meel	20	James Boylan

The following passed the Intermediate Examination; their official numbers are prefixed to their names:—

Middle Grade.—7,078, Francis Boyle; 7,725, Patrick McArdle; 7,730, Vincent F. J. McCabe; 7,765, Daniel McDonald; 8,076, Charles J. O'Bally; 8,131, Austin H. Quinn; 8,135, Thomas Hafferty; 8,168, Michael T. Rogers; 8,287, James Toner.

Junior Grade.—4,458, John Morgan Hasey; 4,982, John H. McCann; 5,014, Joseph McDonald; 5,055, Peter McGlin; 5,122, George M'Mool; 5,744, Thomas E. O'Hare; 5,987, Patrick Quinn; 6,873, Patrick J. Sweeney; 5,076, Robert M'Guckin.

Preparatory Grade.—114, James Boylan; 1,441, Patrick M'Donagh.

All the accounts of the Board up to 31st December, 1907, have been submitted to the Local Government Board and duly audited by R. J. Baker, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor. A correct copy of the last audited account accompanies this report.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1908, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board

✠ MICHAEL CARD, *LOUER, Chairman.*

PATRICK LAVERTY, *Honorary Secretary.*

THE ACCOUNT OF ABERDEEN BOROUGH COUNCIL BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account	192 17 3	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
„ Miscellaneous Receipts, viz. :—		Salaries—Charges to Hon. Sec. to pay Mr. Savage's salary as Professor of English, &c.	150 0 0
1907.		Educational Expenses	10 0 0
July 25. To Amount received from Commissioners of Education	27 10 0		160 0 0
June 29. To Amount of Interest which accrued on Balance in Hibernian Bank, Armagh, and added to current account for half-year	0 0 3	Other Payments, viz. :—	
July 25. To Amount received from the Commissioners of Education	241 10 0	1907.	
Dec. 31. To Amount of Interest which accrued on Balance in Hibernian Bank, and added to current account for half-year	2 6 6	Oct. 15. By Cheque to Local Government Board, Ireland—Auditor's Fee for auditing accounts for 1906	1 1 0
To Amount now in Accounting Officer's hands	42 0 5	By Cheque Book	0 2 1
	314 8 6	By Amount in Accounting Officer's hands at last balance, since disbursed by him	42 8 8
Total	437 2 8	TOTAL PAYMENT	303 9 9
		Balance, per Bank Book	217 12 6
		Balance in Accounting Officer's hands	42 9 5
			215 12 11
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1907	215 12 11
		Total	437 2 8

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal]

WILLIAM KERR, *Governor.*

PATRICK LAVERTY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 9th day of September, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

R. J. BAKER, *Auditor*

12th day of September, 1908.

III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ending August 1st, 1908:—

The Hon. Officers and members of the Board are:—Chairman, The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Kilmore; Vice-Chairman, the Rev. Wm. McDowell; Hon. Secretary, the Rev. E. D. Crowe; T. C. Burrows, Esq., D.L.; the Rev. W. P. Lowe; the Rev. James Black; Robert Walker, Esq.; Richard Allen, Esq.; the Rev. Geo. W. Rea.

Steady progress has been maintained during the year, the Board being satisfied that in the House and School the pupils receive every care and attention.

At the United Examination for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 29 candidates were presented, of whom 14 obtained Prizes, and all passed.

An Examination for Free Scholarships was held. Two candidates were examined, one being awarded a Scholarship and one a part-paying Scholarship.

The next Examination for the New (Boarding) Scholarships will (D.V.) be held in July, 1909, when it is hoped three or four vacancies will be filled.

Meetings of the Board were held on November 7th, 1907; February 12th, 1908; May 27th, 1908. No meeting in July, as, owing to the absence of members from home, a quorum could not have been obtained. The attendances were:—The Lord Bishop, 3; Rev. Wm. McDowell, 3; Rev. J. Black, 2; R. Allen, Esq., 3; T. C. Burrows, Esq., D.L., 1; E. Walker, Esq., 1; Rev. Geo. Rea, 1; Rev. W. P. Lowe, 0; Rev. E. D. Crowe, 3.

WILLIAM McDOWELL, Vice-Chairman.

E. D. CROWE, Clerk, Hon. Sec.

March 9th, 1909.

THE ACCOUNT OF THE CAVAN PROTESTANT LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended
31st December, 1908.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DEBIT.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments from the Commissioners of Education	101 0 0	1907. Dec. 31. By Debit Balance from last Account to this date, By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	80 7 1
“ Rents of Play Fields from J. H. Hampton, Interest on £483 10s. 3d., Mortgage in lieu of Rent and Taxes thereon	32 11 0	Rents and Taxes, &c., Salaries,	23 14 11 100 0 0
“ Received from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	28 12 10	Other Payments, viz.:— Interest paid to Commissioners of Education on £483 10s. 3d., Mortgage on Play Fields for 1908 to 1/7/08, Interest on School Premises, J. H. Hampton, Technical Rent Fees, Interest on Overdraft paid to the Ulster Bank, Ltd., Cavan,	19 8 8 2 2 6 26 12 10 3 13 3
Debit Balance on 31st December, 1908	95 15 5		33 17 3
Total,	208 19 3	Total,	208 19 3

I certify that the above is a true Account.

[Sd.]

E. D. CROWE, Clerk, Accounting Officer,
Hon. Sec. and a Member of the Board.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1909.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

W. F. GILL, Auditor, Agent for the Bank of Ireland, Cavan.

4th day of February, 1909

IV.—Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT of the Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education for Year ending 31st December, 1908.

The members of the Board are:—The Most Rev. Dr. Boylan, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, Chairman; Frederick Smith, Esq., M.D., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. Patrick Lynch, P.P., V.P.; Very Rev. Thomas Clarke, P.P., V.P.; Rev. Patrick Clarke, P.P.; Rev. Hugh Brady, P.P., Hon. Sec.; Louis Smith, Esq.; John Clarke, Esq., M.D.; James Magauran, Esq., M.D.

The prescribed quarterly meetings were held.

The annual competitive examinations for Free Places were held on the 18th of August. Eleven boys presented themselves. The Examiner reports that their answering was weak, especially in English Grammar and Analysis. Two places were awarded.

The number of students on the roll at the end of the year is 101, of whom 65 are boarders and 36 are day students.

Twenty-nine boys passed at the late Intermediate Examinations.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, was re-elected Commissioner, at a meeting held 17th December, 1908.

Attendance of Members of Cavan Roman Catholic Local Board for year ended 31st December, 1908.

	April 26	July 11	Oct. 15	Dec. 17
Most Rev. Dr. Boylan	1	1	1	1
Very Rev. Patrick Lynch	1	1	1	1
Very Rev. Thomas Clarke	1	1	1	1
Rev. Patrick Clarke	1	1	1	1
Rev. Hugh Brady	1	1	1	1
Fredrick P. Smith, Esq.	1	1	1	1
Louis C. F. Smith, Esq.	1	1	1	1
James Magauran, Esq., M.D.	1	1	1	1
John Clarke, Esq., M.D.	1	1	1	1

HUGH BRADY.

Dated 12th January, 1909.

JAMES MAGAURAN.

THE ACCOUNT OF CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC LOCAL BOARD for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DEBCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account	28 0 0	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
„ Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—		Salaries	£ s. d.
Cash from Commissioners	125 18 4	Educational Expenses	100 0 0
Interest on Account in Bank	2 9 1	Other Payments, viz.,	
	128 0 5	Cost of Audit	1 1 0
		Total Payment	181 1 0
		Balance, per Bank Book	52 19 5
		Do, in Accounting Officer's hands	52 19 5
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1908	52 19 5
Total	267 0 5	Total	267 0 5

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

ANDREW BOYLAN, Governor.

HUGH BRADY, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1909.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

8th day of February, 1909.

RICHARD GRUES, Auditor.

V.—Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

The Donegal Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ended 31st July, 1908:—

Constitution of the Board.—Elected Members:—Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A., Chairman; Captain Stoney, B.L., Vice-Chairman; the Very Rev. Dean Kennedy; Rev. Canon MacQuaide, B.A.; Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.; Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.; Rev. William Scott, B.A.; Messrs. David Wilson, B.A., and Thomas Hamilton, J.P. Co-opted Members:—Rev. Thomas McCandless, B.A.; Rev. W. F. Garstin; Messrs. Robert McKimley, Thomas Holmes, J.P.; and D. C. Pearson.

Rev. W. F. Garstin was co-opted in the room of Rev. W. W. Mercer, B.A., resigned.

Meetings.—The Board held four stated and one special meeting during the year. A statement of the attendance of members is sent herewith.

Raphoe Royal School.—The number of pupils, of all ages, in attendance at the School for the past year was 65—34 boys and 21 girls, 14 of whom were boarders—10 boys and 4 girls. Thirty-five pupils presented themselves at the recent Intermediate Examinations.

James Wilson, Esq., of The Tops, Raphoe, has generously signified his intention of providing a Scholarship of 25 per annum to be awarded as the Board may direct. Rev. Canon MacQuaide, B.A., has also kindly offered a prize of £1 for proficiency in English Composition. The "Leaper Prize" for 1908 was awarded to George Lucas. The Teaching Staff was the same as last year.

Income.—A copy of the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1907, is sent herewith.

Free Places.—An Examination for Free Places at the Royal School was held on 23rd August, 1907. R. Little, Esq., Inspector of National Schools, examined four candidates, two of whom obtained the requisite number of marks, and were admitted Scholars of the School for the next two years.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held 6th August, 1908.

(Signed),

ALEX. G. LECKY, Chairman.

THE DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Attendance of Members for the year ended 31st July, 1908.

NAME.	Aug. 2.	Nov. 1.	Jan. 10.	Feb. 7.	May 1.	Total.
Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Captain Stoney, B.L.	1	1	1	1	1	5
The Very Rev. Dean Kennedy	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Canon MacQuaide, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. William Scott, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mr. David Wilson, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mr. Thomas Hamilton, J.P.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Thomas McCandless, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. W. F. Garstin	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mr. Robert McKimley	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mr. Thomas Holmes, J.P.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mr. D. C. Pearson	1	1	1	1	1	5

THE ANNUAL OF THE DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Endowments	153 1 8	By Balance due Bank 31st December, 1906, per last account	58 17 7
„ Subscriptions	3 5 0	„ Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
„ Dividends	1 14 8	Maintenance of Premises, &c.	£ s. d.
„ Rents	26 10 0	Rent and Taxes	6 7 6
		Salaries	16 18 11
Balance due Bank, 31st December, 1907	£ s. d.	Fines	114 7 3
„ „ Secretary	5 6 3		4 19 8
	5 19 3	Other Payments, viz:—	
		Insurance	5 0 3
		Secretary's Expenses	0 11 11
		Interest paid Bank	0 13 4
		Advertising	0 5 9
		Equipment Stationery Class	5 0 0
		Audit Fee	1 1 0
Total	184 19 1	Total	184 19 1

N.B.—Besides the above Balance there are Sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:—Bank of Ireland 5½ per Cent. Stock, £15 Gs. 9d.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal]

ALEX. G. LECKY, Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1908.

THOS. HAMILTON, Accounting Officer.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

8th day of May, 1908.

R. J. BAKER, Auditor.

VI.—Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

ANNUAL REPORT for Year ended 31st July, 1908.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of proceedings of the Donegal Roman Catholic Board for the year ended 31st July, 1908.

The Members of the Board as at present constituted are:—Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, D.D., Chairman; Edward M'Fadden, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn, Secretary; Right Rev. Monsignor Walker, Very Rev. Canon Doherty, Rev. J. C. Cannon, James Boyle, Esq.; James Dunlavy, Esq.; and Thomas Mulhern, Esq., J.P.

The Very Rev. Dean M'Ginley, D.D., is our representative on the Board of Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

Monsignor Walker, Canon Doherty, and E. M'Fadden, Esq., together with the three gentlemen appointed by the Donegal Protestant Board, form the Estates Committee.

The School Committee consists of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell and E. M'Fadden, Esq.

The President of St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, was instructed to have advertisements published at the proper time in the Press regarding the Free Places and the Examinations that are to be held for them.

We regret to announce the deaths of two efficient members of our Board, the Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden and Rev. Daniel Sweeney, whose places were filled on the 31st April, 1908, by the appointment of the Right Rev. Monsignor Walker and Rev. J. C. Cannon, Adm.

Four meetings were held during the year; enclosed you have a list of the attendances. A statement of the Accounts of the Donegal R.C. Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1907, is herewith enclosed.

23rd September, 1908.

✠ PATRICK O'DONNELL, Bishop of Raphoe, Chairman.

CHARLES M'GLYNN, F.P., V.D., Hon. Sec.

Attendance of Members of the Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education at Meetings of the Board from July, 1907, to July, 1908.

	15 October, 1907.	21 April, 1908.	4 June, 1908.	8 July, 1908.	Total for each member.
The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell,	1	1	1	1	4
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn,	1	1	1	1	4
Right Rev. Monsignor Walker,	-	-	1	1	2
Very Rev. Canon Doherty,	1	1	1	-	3
Rev. J. C. Cannon,	-	-	-	1	1
E. M'Fadden, Esq., Solicitor,	1	-	-	-	1
T. Mulhern, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	-	1	1
James Boyle, Esq., Solicitor,	-	-	-	-	-
James Dunlavy, Esq., Solicitor,	-	-	1	-	1
Total attendance at each meeting.	4	3	5	5	

CHARLES M'GLYNN, F.P., V.D.

23rd September, 1908.

THE ACCOUNT OF DONORAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISBURSE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	43 19 7	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
Received from the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, 25th January, 1907,	44 10 0	Salaries,	154 14 10
Received from the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, 30th July, 1907,	66 5 3	Educational Expenses,	80 0 0
			£194 14 10
Balance against, 31st December, 1907,	1 1 0	Other Payments, viz.—	
		Audit of Accounts for year ended December, 1906,	1 1 0
		Balance, per Bank Book, £1 is. (see contra).	
Total,	175 15 10	Total,	175 15 10

We certify that the above is a true Account.

✠ PATRICK O'DONNELL, *Governor*.CHARLES M'GILLYW, F.R.S., V.O., *Accounting Officer*.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

R. J. BAKER, *Auditor*.

18th day of November, 1908.

VII.—*Permanagh Protestant Board of Education.*

Report for Year ended 1st August, 1908.

The membership of the Board remains the same as last year. There were four meetings, and the attendance of members was as follows:—

—	Meetings	—	Meetings
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher attended (one by Deputy)	2	C. F. Fells, M.A.	2
Very Rev. the Dean of Clogher	4	Rev. D. J. Boyle	2
William B. Cooney, J.P.	4	Dr. Torman	3
William Teale, J.P.	1	Andrew Stewart	3
		S. B. Humphreys, J.P.	2

Portora Royal School.—The Board has carried out further Improvements and Repairs to the Buildings, and has likewise reduced the debt on the premises by £100, leaving only £500 due out of a total of £8,500.

Twenty-three pupils passed at the Intermediate Examinations (1908), one of whom took a very high place in the Senior Grade.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Ennistallen.—The Board has selected this School in accordance with section 87 of the Scheme with a view to ascertain from the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector—after he would visit it—if it is qualified to obtain a small grant out of the Endowment.

Signed and sealed at a meeting of the Board held at Ennistallen the 6th November, 1908.

MAURICE CLOUGH, *Chairman*.O. TUNNAN, *Member*.W. TEALE, *Member*.

THE ACCOUNT OF FERMANAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account.	32 18 8	By Accounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
" Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments.	445 18 7	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	272 16 4
" Subscriptions, -	180 0 0	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	20 4 7
" Dividends, -	22 14 4	Salaries,	1,283 11 11
" Rents, -	100 2 0	Fines,	36 4 6
" Fees,	915 18 10		1716 17 8
" Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—			
Ulster Bank—Interest on Account Current	1 14 1	Other Payments, viz:—	
Fire Insurance Claim, -	2 10 6	Petty Cash Expenses,	7 13 9
	4 4 7		7 13 9
Balance, per Bank Books, 25 19 11			
Deficit:—			
Balance in Accounting Officer's hands,	2 1 11		
Add:—			
Unpaid Debt	1 1 0		
	33 19 0		
Total,	1724 11 0	Total,	1724 11 0

N.B.—Besides the above Balance there are Sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Security:—Canadian Pacific Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, £500.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Sgd]

W. R. COONEY, Governor.

S. C. MITCHELL, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

R. J. BAKER, Auditor.

25th day of March, 1908.

VIII.—FERMANAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Report of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education for the Year ended 1st August, 1908.

The Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ended 1st August, 1908.

Five meetings of the Board (four ordinary and one special) were held during the year. These were as follows:—

- 1st Meeting (Ordinary), 16th October, 1907, held in St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan.
 2nd " (Special), 13th December, 1907, held in St. Michael's School, Enniskillen.
 3rd " (Ordinary), 30th January, 1908, held in St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan.
 4th " (Ordinary), 13th April, 1908, held in St. Michael's School, Enniskillen.
 5th " (Ordinary), 6th July, 1908, held in St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan.

Table showing membership and attendance:—

Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.	Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.
Most Rev. Michael Owens, D.D. (Chairman).	3	Rev. Philip McGlinchey, P.P.,	5
Right Rev. T. Messinger Snodden, V.G.,	5	John P. Wray, Esq., LL.B., Solicitor,	1
P.P. (Vice-Chairman),	5	Patrick Croomy, Esq., J.P.,	0
Right Rev. L. J. Messinger O'Sullivan, P.P.,	3	Daniel X. Kavanagh, Esq., Solicitor,	4
Vary Rev. P. Canon Smyth, P.P.,	3	Deane Caroline Smith, Esq., B.A. (Hon. Sec.)	2

Commissioner of Education.—Right Rev. Thomas Monsignor Smollen, V.G., P.P.

No change has been made in the constitution of either the School Committee or of the Estates Committee of St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.

The Rev. J. McKinnay was appointed a member of the Teaching Staff of St. Macarten's Seminary at a quarterly meeting held on the 16th October, 1907, the appointment to date from the 1st September, 1907.

Free Place Examination:—Twenty duly qualified candidates competed. Rev. P. Keown, P.P., acted as Examiner. One boy secured slightly over 80 per cent., two others over 70 per cent., and two others over 60 per cent. The Examiner reports the Examination as on the whole satisfactory. Some boys were weak. The places offered for competition—£28, £15, £10, £10—each tenable for two years, were awarded.

School Roll:—

Number in attendance,	58.
“ eligible for Intermediate Examinations,	53.
“ presented “ “	53.
“ who passed “ “	41.
“ presented in Senior Grade 9, number passed,	7.
“ “ Middle Grade 11, “	9.
“ “ Junior Grade 22, “	15.
“ “ Preparatory Grade 11, “	10.

Distinctions gained:—

Senior Grade:—Exhibition Mathematical Course, John F. Murphy.
Exhibition Mathematical Course, James J. M'Sorley.
Exhibition Experimental Science Course, James J. M'Sorley.
Prize Experimental Science Course, Joseph F. Murphy.

Middle Grade:—Exhibition Modern Literary Course, Thomas Bryson.
Prize Experimental Science Course, Thomas Bryson.
Special Prize, Irish, Thomas Bryson.

Junior Grade:—Exhibition Classical Course, Michael J. O'Reilly.
Exhibition Modern Literary Course, Thomas V. Hardy.
Exhibition Mathematical Course, John J. M'Ardle.
Exhibition Mathematical Course, Michael J. O'Reilly.
Exhibition Experimental Science Course, John J. M'Ardle.
Burke Memorial Prize, Michael J. O'Reilly.

1st Place in Ireland, Preparatory Grade, John P. Hendin.

St. Michael's Intermediate School, Enniskillen.

No change has been made in the constitution of the School Committee.

The number of pupils on roll at the close of School year was 81. Out of 28 pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations, 18 passed—one of whom took a £3 prize in Junior Grade.

One pupil passed 1st Arts, B.U.I.

Two pupils passed Matriculation, B.U.I.

Four gained King's Scholarships in St. Patrick's Training College, Dublin.

Two passed in the Pharmaceutical Preliminary.

One took 5th place in the G.N.E. Clerks' Examination.

No candidate entered for the Free Place Examination, which was advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme.

A correct copy of the Board's audited Account for the year ended 31st December, 1907, will be forwarded as soon as the audit of the same has been completed.

Adopted at a Meeting of the Board held in St. Michael's Intermediate School, Enniskillen, on the 23rd October, 1908.

(Signed) + RICHARD OWENS, D.D., Chairman.

DENIS CAROLAN BURKE, Hon. Secretary.

THE ACCOUNT OF THE FERMANAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISBURSE.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments	561 1 11	By Arrears of Payments under the following headings:—	
„ Dividends (Interest allowed on Account)	9 7 9	„ Balance, as per last Account,	40 17 6
		Salaries,	225 7 10
		Maintenance of Resident Staff,	350 0 0
		Educational Expenses,	30 0 0
		Fees,	118 0 0
			1123 7 10
		Other Payments, viz.:—	
		Postage, Stationery, Rail- way Carriage, &c.,	0 11 8
To Balance, per Bank Book	220 17 4	Arith. Fee for year 1900	8 3 0
„ Outstanding Cheques	9 8 9	Interest	5 15 9
	229 6 1		9 10 5
Total,	1176 15 9	Total,	1176 15 9

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal]

THOMAS SHILLIN, F.R., Chairman.

DORIS CAROLAN BAKER, Esq., Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

R. J. BAKER, Auditor.

29th day of March, 1909.

IX.—Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.

Royal School, Dungannon,

11th September, 1908.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The Tyrone Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the following report of their proceedings for the year ending July 31st, 1908.

Two of the original members of the Board have passed away in the persons of Mr. James Brown and Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., and their places have been filled by the appointment of Mr. Robert Brown and Rev. R. T. Simpson, M.A.

In addition, Rev. Canon Richards, D.D., has resigned, and his place has been taken by Rev. Dr. James.

No co-optations under sect. 22 of the scheme have been made for the current year.

Six meetings have been held since the date of last report.

Thirteen candidates entered for, and eight were admitted to, the annual Free Place Examination, but as the Examiner reported very unfavourably as to the qualifications of the candidates, only one place has been awarded.

Attached are the audited Account for the year ending 31st December, 1907, a statement of successes gained by pupils of the school, and a Table of members' attendance at Board meetings above referred to.

We have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

JAMES DICKSON.

ROYAL SCHOOL, DUNGANNON.—INTERMEDIATE AWARDS, 1908.

Medal for Fourth Year Chemistry (Senior Grade)—Harper, E. M.

Modern Literary Course, Division II. (Senior Grade), Prize of £3—Warmsack, J. T. R.

Experimental Science Course (Senior Grade), Exhibition of £20—Harper, E. M.

Prize of £4 for French Composition (Senior Grade)—Warmsack, J. T. R.

Medal for Latin (Middle Grade)—Wylie, F. V.

Classical Course (Middle Grade), Exhibition of £25, First Place—Wylie, F. V.

Latin Composition Prize (Middle Grade), Wylie, F. V.—£3.

Greek Composition Prize (Middle Grade), Wylie, F. V.—£3.

Modern Literary Course, Division II. (Junior Grade), Prize of £3—McConnell, R.

" " " (Junior Grade), Prize of £3—Cross, S. M.

" " " (Junior Grade), Prize of £2—Nevell, R. L. H.

Experimental Science Course (Junior Grade), Prize of £1—Murphy, G.

" " " (Junior Grade), Prize of £1—Holmes, S. W.

The following awards were made, but the students were ineligible to hold them, through having obtained a higher place in another course:—

Mathematical Exhibition (Senior Grade), £20—Harper, E. M.
Experimental Science Course (Middle Grade), Exhibition of £15—Wylie, F. V.
Mathematical Course (Junior Grade), Prize of £1—Cross, S. M.
“ “ (Junior Grade), Prize of £1—McConnell, R.
Experimental Science Course (Junior Grade), Prize of £2—Cross, S. M.
Experimental Science Course (Junior Grade), Prize of £1—McConnell, R.

Summary of Honours awarded:—

Medals,	3
Exhibitions,	2
Prizes,	6
Composition Prizes,	3
Total Awards,	13

Honours for which students were ineligible:—

Two Exhibitions,	2
Four Prizes,	4
Total,	6

Boys' School, Dungannon,
October 8th, 1908.

EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION OF SCIENCE CLASSES.

In awarding the grant on the Classes in Science and Drawing, the Department have allowed an increase of one-tenth for conspicuous merit on the following classes:—

- First Year Preliminary Course in Science.
- Second Year Preliminary Course in Science.
- First Year Preliminary Course in Drawing.
- Second Year Preliminary Course in Drawing.
- Special Course in Chemistry—Third Year Syllabus.
- Special Course in Chemistry—Fourth Year Syllabus.

These are all the Classes in Science and Drawing at present conducted in the School.

JOHN W. LEEBOY.

10th October, 1908.

Attendance Roll for Year ending 31st July, 1908.

Member's Name	Aug. 20th, 1907.	Sept. 19th, 1907.	Nov. 28th, 1907.	Dec. 20th, 1907.	Mar. 8th, 1908.	June 18th, 1908.
Colonel Burgess, D.L.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rev. Canon Richards, D.D.	1	1	1	1	Resigned	1
Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D.	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. F. A. Simms, Esq.	1	1	1	1	1	1
James Dickson, Esq., J.P.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wm. Wilson, Esq., J.P.	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. J. Vennable, Esq.	1	1	1	1	1	1
John W. Lestody, B.E.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rev. R. T. Simpson, M.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Robert Brown, Esq.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rev. S. Lindsay, B.A.	1	1	1	1	No no option.	1
C. B. M. Chambers, Esq., J.P.	1	1	1	1	ditto.	1
Rev. Dr. Jones.	1	1	1	1	1	1
	8	8	8	8	8	8

JOHN W. LEEBOY, Hon. Sec.

The ACCOUNT OF TYRONE PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.				Cr.
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments,	954 12 2	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
„ Dividends,	14 5 8	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	108 5 2	
Balance against Account on 31/12/07, as per Bank Book,	92 16 10	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	33 11 8	
		Salaries,	200 0 0	
		Editorial Expenses,	30 0 0	
		Fines,	25 0 0	
			491 17 4	
		Other Payments, viz.:—		
		Overdraft at close of 1906	238 14 5	
		Rent of Telephone,	5 15 0	
		Interest on Overdraft, 30/6/07	5 14 3	
		Audit Fee,	5 3 0	
		Cheque Book,	0 8 4	
		Interest on Overdraft, 31/12/07	0 1 9	
			253 16 9	
Total,	1055 14 1	Total,	1055 14 1	

N.B.—Besides the above balance there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:—2½ per cent. Consols, £300—As per certificate attached.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

JAMES DICKSON, Governor.

JOHN W. LINDSEY, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

R. J. BARN, Auditor.

23rd day of September, 1908.

X.—Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT for the Year ended 1st August, 1908.

Meetings were held:—

1. Thursday, 5th September, 1907.

2. Thursday, 12th December, 1907.

3. Thursday, 26th March, 1908.

4. Friday, 19th June, 1908.

Chairman.—Right Rev. Monsignor Peter James Byrne, F.P., V.G., Dungannon, Dean of Armagh.

Vice-Chairman.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, F.P., V.F., Cookstown.

Honorary Secretary.—Henry Tohall, F.P., Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Treasurer.—The Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dungannon.

Commissioner of Education elected.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, F.P., V.G., Dungannon.

Estate Committee.—Very Rev. J. J. Canon McCartan, F.P.; W. J. Reynolds, Esq.; Henry Tohall, F.P.

School Committee.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne; Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice; Very Rev. J. J. Canon, McCartan; W. J. Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor; Henry Tohall, F.P.

At the Free Places Examination, under Section 59, held on the 2nd July, 1907, nineteen competitors were examined; and eight boys and two girls were awarded Free Places.

The Examination papers were set and the answers examined by T. Savage, Esq., Professor of English and Mathematics in St. Patrick's College Armagh.

Mr. Murphy, the Inspector appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, records in the prescribed place, the results of the Intermediate Examinations of the pupils of St. Patrick's Academy; and they are satisfactory. A list of the Meetings held during the School year, with the attendances of the Members, is appended. Copies of the audited Account for the Calendar year, 1907, were sent to the Commissioners early in 1908.

P. J. BYRNE, F.P., V.D., Chairman.

HENRY TOMALL, Hon. Sec.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1908.

Meetings held during the School Year ended 31st August, 1908.

Names of the Members.	Thursday, 9 Sept., 1907.	Thursday, 12 Dec., 1907.	Thursday, 26 March, 1908.	Friday, 19 June, 1908.	Total Attendances of each Member.
1. The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Derry, and his Deputy, the Rev. James O'Keefe, F.P., Cappagh, Omagh.	1	-	1	-	2
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Denis Hynds, F.P., V.D., Dungannon.	1	1	1	1	4
3. Right Rev. Monsignor O'Doherty, F.P., V.D., Omagh.	1	-	1	1	3
4. Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, F.P., V.D., Cookstown.	1	1	1	1	4
5. Very Rev. John Joseph Canon MacArthur, F.P., Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.	-	1	-	-	1
6. Wm. James Ryan, Esq., Solicitor, Dungannon.	1	1	-	-	2
7. John Maguire, Esq., J.P., Drumahaire House, Banagher, Co. Tyrone.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Daniel Sheehy, Esq., J.P., Omagh.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Henry Tobell, J.P., Moy.	1	1	1	1	4
Number of Members at each Meeting.	6	3	3	4	-

Minutes, Hackett and Maguire were accepted on the 5th September, 1907.

The ACCOUNT of TYRONE ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account.	321 3 7	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	
“ Dividends.	4 2 0	“ £ s. d.	
“ Rents.	645 13 4	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	32 3 4
“ Fees.	190 9 0	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	18 15 6
		Salaries,	467 0 0
		Educational Expenses,	56 12 7
		Prison,	61 9 0
			636 11 5
		Other Payments, viz:—	
		Interest paid for Cash on Loan	39 5 0
		Gas, Light and Coke,	15 1 4
		Sweeping and Cleaning,	9 15 6
		Wages paid for free,	2 8 6
		Auditor,	1 1 0
		Repayment of Loan,	375 0 0
		Meals for Pupils during days of Intermediate Examinations,	1 16 8
		Secretary for Postage and Stationery,	1 10 0
			346 19 10
		Total Payments,	982 11 5
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1907, in the Provincial Bank, Dungannon.	194 15 8
Total.	1081 6 11	Total.	1081 6 11

We certify that the above is a true Account.

P. J. BYRNE, Governor.

HENRY TOMALL, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1908.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

W. FOLEY, Auditor.

12th day of May, 1908.

No. 7,942.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

24th April, 1909.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant forwarding, in duplicate, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1908.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. DOUGHERTY.

Stanislaus Murphy, Esq., LL.B.,
6, Grafton Street,
Dublin.